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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FORMAL RESPONSE FROM GOI TO INQUIRY
REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: ...WE HAVE CONSULTED OUR DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE ON THIS ISSUE. FROM THE FIGURES INDICATE IN THE
TABLE WE ARE INCLINED TO FEEL THAT USA'S AVERAGE COMMERCIAL
EXPORTS OF TOBACCO TO SIERRA LEONE DURING THE THREE YEARS
1975 TO 1977 MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN OF THE ORDER OF 1880 TONS.
THE ANNUAL FIGURES FOR US EXPORTS OF TOBACCO FOR THE THREE
YEARS MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD NOT DOUBT APPROXIMATE THE ANNUAL
AVERAGE OF 188 TONS. BUT THESE FIGURES WOULD HAVE NORMALLY
INCLUDED THE SUPPLIES MADE BY USA UNDER THEIR AID TO SIERRA
LEONE UNDER PL 480 AS WELL.

3. "ON THE ABOVE BASIS, WE FEEL THAT THE US PROPOSAL NOW
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IN VIEW MIGHT ADVERSLEY AFFECT INDIA'S EXPORTS OF TOBACCO TO
SIERRA LEONE. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT U.S. GOV-
ERNMENT MIGHT LIMIT THEIR EXPORTS OF TOBACCO TO SIERRA LEONE
TO THE AVERAGE OBTAINED DURING THE THREE YEARS OF 1975 TO
1977 SO THAT INDIA'S EXPORT INTERESTS ARE NOT HARMED. END QUOTE
GOHEEN

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